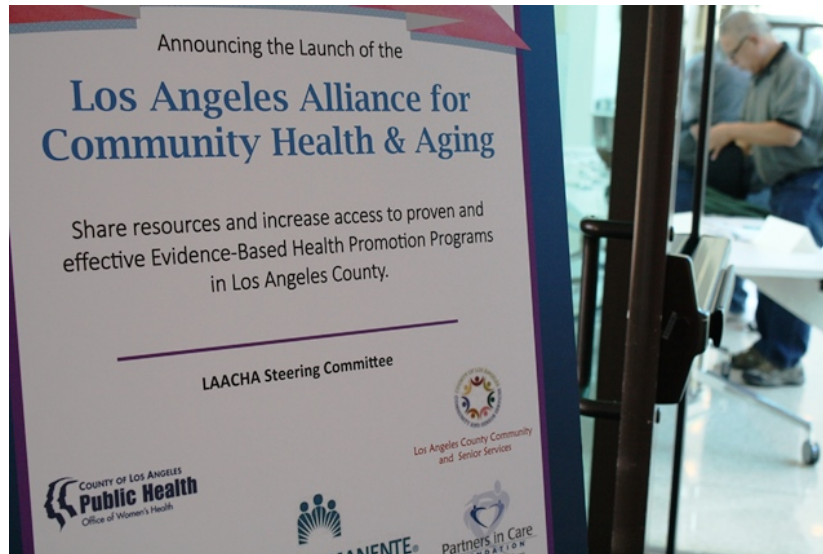


COUNTY HOSTS SYMPOSIUM FOR HEALTHY AGING

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Working together, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services, Kaiser Permanente, Partners in Care Foundation and the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging hosted a symposium at the California Endowment in downtown Los Angeles on Thursday, October 31, 2013. About 300 participants packed the Yosemite Room for the event entitled *Healthy Aging through Community Partnerships: National Policy to Local Implementation*.

At the symposium, community leaders, health professionals and aging advocates learned more about how to create a coordinated system to support the health and wellness of the older adult population. The event was also an opportunity to launch the new Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health & Aging.



“When we collaborate on care, including our health care staff, it will change our culture of care when it comes to health care,” said Muriel Guzzi, a Kaiser Permanente program manager for older adults.

The goals of the half-day symposium included: realizing the potential of national policy and health reform efforts; leveraging local efforts and resources to maximize programs; improving access, coordination and implementation of evidence-based health interventions; saluting the work of individuals and institutions focused on transforming health in the diverse communities of Los Angeles; and engaging with other leaders to create a more coordinated effort to increase access to health programs.

